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In re U.S. Patent application:)
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Application Serial No. 08/169,127) Art Unit: 1762
Filed: December 20, 1993) Examiner: Marianne L. Padgett
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF)
LASER PROCESSING)

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002, the period for response being one month or August 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, and 11 as follows. The amendments to the claims are outlined in the Attachment to the Amendment using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating an object with a laser comprising the steps
of:
emitting a laser beam from the laser;
expanding said laser beam in a first direction so as to increase a first cross-sectional
dimension of said laser beam to form an expanded laser beam;